

## JONAH - 2 JONAH'S PRAYER

8-16-15

- **DISOBEDIENCE: JONAH 1:2**

Jonah 1:1-2 - The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

- **DISCIPLINE: JONAH 1:4-17**

Jonah 1:9-12 - He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land.” <sup>10</sup>This terrified them and they asked, “What have you done?” (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.) <sup>11</sup>The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?” <sup>12</sup>“Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”

- **DISTRESS: JONAH 2:1**

Jonah 2:1 - From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God.

1. **We have the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ on God, the Creator of the universe.**

*\* We all can call on Him, and He will answer.*

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Jonah 2:2 - "In my **distress** I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the **grave** I called for help, and you listened to my cry."

***Distress means: The travail of childbirth or labor.***

***Grave means: Sheol***

2. God still did a \_\_\_\_\_.

\* God is \_\_\_\_\_ working, even though we are still in pain.

***"Jonah, go." Jonah says, "No." Jonah gets on a ship. Phase one, God sends a storm. It doesn't work. Phase two, God sends the captain. "You need to pray." Phase three, the sailors have mercy on him and don't throw him overboard. Phase four, when they do throw him overboard, God sends a fish. Phase five, the fish gets a tummy-ache and throws him up onshore.***

***All through this miracle, you can see different phases where God was working.***

Jonah 2:3-6 - You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

<sup>4</sup> I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'<sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.<sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God.

- **Never forget the “God \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**3. Painful events can cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our spiritual life or walk away and become bitter toward God.**

Jonah 2:7 – “When my life was ebbing away, ***I remembered you***, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.”

Jonah 2:8 – “Those who cling to **worthless idols** forfeit the **grace** that could be theirs. “

\* **Idols: Prejudice and \_\_\_\_\_**

Jonah 2:9 – “But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have **vowed** I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God–<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

**4. When your life is spiritually refocused, your \_\_\_\_\_ response will be, “Here is my life, now you take it.”**

Jonah 2:9-10 - But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”<sup>10</sup> And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.